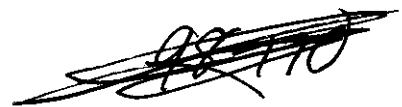


From: jan meshkoff  
To: Kathleen Abernathy  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 11:37 AM  
Subject: Dual Must Carry & C-Span



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Dr. Jan Meshkoff, Cambria, CA

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TO: Kathleen Abernathy  
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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 14, 2003 11:23 PM  
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**From:** Rudy  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 15, 2003 6:09 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming meeting to ease regulations on media ownership

Ms. Kabernat,

Please reconsider any weakening of the already famished regulations the FCC has toward broadcast and media outlet ownership.

Over the past few years since the last loosening of rules the US media consumer has received a more and more homogenized vision of news corresponding more with the huge wealthy corporations that own the media outlets than with the truth.

You may or may not agree but I and many others, who care, have to find other outlets. be they foreign or listener sponsored, to find out the entire picture of what is going on in the world today.

If we want better "entertainment" from media or advertising of products supported by the owners of media conglomerates, easing regulations is the right direction but **as** it is, news coverage has gotten perilously close to being a corporate, and with this administration in office now, governmental media machine.

At your meeting I suggest you discuss ways to widen the ownership of smaller, listener sponsored stations and media outlets and find ways to regulate the "entertainment" money out of media owned news so **a** fair and balanced reporting of current events can be found at all stations and in all newspapers in the **US** unless specifically labeled entertainment.

This is America and it is supposed to be of the people for the people not of the corporation for the corporation.

RP Bacich  
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From: Rita Dolan  
To: Kathleen Abernathy  
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2003 8:30 AM  
Subject: Halt further consolidation of the media

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

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Rita Dolan  
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**From:** Ashton Trey Belew  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJM, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue. Apr 15, 2003 9:51 AM  
**Subject:** information regarding deregulation vote

Good morning,  
Last night I attended a meeting at St. Michael's college in Winooski Vermont. This morning I decided I wanted to view the information available at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) and was disappointed when I found little relevant content.

Would it be possible to move information regarding the upcoming vote to someplace more visible?

Thank you,  
-Trey Belew

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<http://lhnrrww.uvm.edu/~atb>  
Worst Response To A Crisis, 1985:

From a readers' Q and A column in TV GUIDE: "If we get involved in a nuclear war, would the electromagnetic pulses from exploding bombs damage my videotapes?"



From: M. Anne Clark  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2003 10:51 AM  
Subject: De-regulation of the media

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